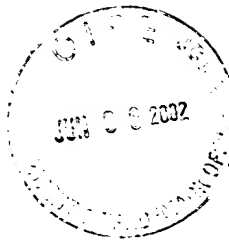


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AMENDMENT

Sir or Madam:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed December 6, 2001, setting a response period expiring on March 6, 2002, applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time until June 6, 2002, and encloses the requisite fee herewith. Applicant responds to the Official Action as follows:

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At page 7, line 10, after "Sensors" please delete "(now" and insert --(not--.

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